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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### OUR ARMY IN FRANCE.

Higher Commands Opened to New Army.

London, January 23.  
The Daily Mail states that the authorities have decided to open the Higher Commands to officers of the new Army and to create a number of Brigadier Generals therefrom.

Some Interesting Appointments.

London, January 23.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson confirmed the fact that Lieutenant General Sir Henry Lawrence will be Chief of Staff in France, that Colonel C. J. Cox will be Brigadier General of the Intelligence Department and that Lieutenant Colonel Travers Clark will be Quartermaster General. He added that the changes were not in consequence of the Cambrai Report.

Cruel Charges Against Sir Douglas Haig.

London, January 24.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. David Davies, Mr. Macpherson said that cruel charges had been made of implied upon Sir Douglas Haig, who was probably the most distinguished General at the present time and the head of one of the greatest Armies in the world. The Government were unhesitatingly satisfied with the Field Marshal. Since he became Commander-in-Chief he had never lost the confidence of the Army Council or the War Office authorities.

Mr. Macpherson admitted that there was a breakdown at Cambrai and pointed out that the General Staff knew on November 28 that an attack was going to be made on November 30. The breakdown was not the fault of the General Staff. The disposition of troops was as good as it could possibly be made, and the War Cabinet came to the conclusion that nobody in the Higher Command should be sacrificed for a reverse which could not be avoided.

A Newspaper Deal.

London, January 23.  
The Times states that there is no slightest foundation for the suggestion published in various newspapers that Colonel Repington, its military correspondent, has resigned because of "intrigue" by the Times against Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir William Robertson.

## GERMAN SOCIALIST'S INTRIGUE.

Herr Scheidemann an Agent of the Government.

London, January 24.  
A Danish Conservative newspaper published in Copenhagen reveals the fact that Herr Scheidemann, the German Socialist leader, is not a peace apostle but an agent of the German Government organising propaganda on a commercial footing most profitable to his employees. It says the latter in Denmark include the Socialist Minister, M. Stauning, and the Socialist leader, M. Brabjerg, as well as the Russians, MM. Pavlov, Salaz and Koslovski. The journal asserts that this group arranged the peace negotiations with M. Lenin in return for political compensation, and that Herr Scheidemann procured at a low price an enormous quantity of coal for the aforementioned, who sell it at exorbitant prices. The same group formed another syndicate in the sale of motor-cars located in France, Belgium and Russia.

The Christian Social Democrat says Herr Scheidemann unsuccessfully tried in exactly the same method to buy up the Norwegian Socialists.

## GREEK MONARCHIST'S HOPES.

Spotlight on the Goeben's Sift.

London, January 24.  
The Daily Mail correspondent at Athens states that the Goeben's capture has been a great blow to the hopes of the Greek monarchists, who have been circulating reports of the imminent return of Constantinople.

## THE RECENT BOMBARDMENT OF YARMOUTH.

London, January 23.  
In the House of Commons, Dr. Macnamara stated that a report from a patrol ship in the Yarmouth was bombarded by destroyers. The number is uncertain.

## ANOTHER WAR ROMANCE.

London, January 24.  
Another romance of the war similar to that of Colonel Elkington was revealed in last night's Gazette, announcing the reinstatement of Edward Parker-England to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in consequence of devotion and gallantry in the ranks of the Devonshire. The Gazette, of December 12, 1912, announced that England had been removed from the Army.

## THE IRISH CONVENTION.

London, January 23.  
Mr. Lysaght, a member of the Irish Convention, has resigned.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, January 24.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says there is nothing special to report.

## ALLIED SHIPPING RETURNS.

London, January 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the weekly shipping arrivals were 423 and the sailings 368. One vessel under a hundred tons was sunk and one unsuccessfully attacked. Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the arrivals totalled 800 and the sailings 784. Two vessels over and one under 1,000 tons were sunk. Four were unsuccessfully attacked.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE SAND AND GRAVEL QUESTION.

Mr. Balfour's Warning to Holland.

London, January 24.  
A Blue Book contains further Anglo-Dutch correspondence on the sand and gravel question. A report by eminent geologists establishes that much of the material for the German concrete works at Ypres came from Germany. The Dutch Government, in reply, states that it proposes to reinvestigate. Mr. Balfour confirms that the Dutch Government's action in permitting the transit of sand and gravel directly assists Germany to maintain military occupation of Belgium, and points out that the Netherlands Government is itself party to the Treaty stipulating the perpetual neutrality of Belgium. He warns the Dutch Government that it risks the incurring of heavy claims unless it takes steps to satisfy itself that the sand and gravel allowed to pass is not employed for purposes inconsistent with its duties as a neutral. He hopes that the new Dutch investigation will be more exhaustive than its predecessor.

## RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

A Communique to "the Whole World."

London, January 24.  
The Russian Government, in a communique sent by wireless to the whole world, declares that the Germans and the Austrians are the only peoples in the world who are unaware of the Bresit-Litovsk exposure of the annexationist aims of the Austro-German Governments, which they dare not acquaint their peoples with. It adds that General Hoffmann has sent an ultimatum to the Russian Government that he will recall from Petrograd the Commission created to ameliorate the conditions of prisoners unless the Russian Government abandons the intention of treating German officer prisoners similarly as privates.

## THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Its Latest Decisions.

London, January 24.  
The Labour Conference has resumed. It has shelved the resolution demanding the withdrawal of Labourites from the Government and has rejected a proposal that Labourites in the Government should cease to act on the Labour Executive, by a majority of two to one.

## THE AUSTRIAN STRIKES.

Ban on German Socialist Paper Removed.

London, January 24.  
A message from Copenhagen says that the ban on *Vergeltung* has been removed. This is attributed to energetic Socialist action during a debate in the Reichstag, in which Herr Ebert declared that the Germans were the only people who were not informed of the strike situation in Austria. Herr Ebert warmly sympathised with the Austrian proletariat.

Another Paper Suspended.

London, January 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the *Tagblatt* has been suspended for three days.

The resumption of work at Vienna is only partial. It is estimated that 200,000 workmen are still striking. The strike partially continues at Budapest.

## FLOODS IN GERMANY.

Town Collapses Like a House of Cards.

London, January 24.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a message from Frankfurt says that the eastern wing of the N. H. has done damage amounting to some millions of marks. The town of Sobrabach has collapsed as a house of cards. Floods are also considerably damaging western parts of Holland.

[Sobrabach is on the border of Bavaria and the Rhine Province.]

## OBITUARY.

Sir John Wolfe-Barry.

London, January 23.  
The death is announced of Sir John Wolfe-Barry. [The late Sir John Wolfe-Barry, K.C.B., etc., had won world-wide fame as an engineer. Among the many positions which he occupied were those of President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Governor of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, member of the Army Railway Council, Chairman of the Eastern and Eastern Extension and Western Telegraph Companies, Chairman of the Society of Arts, etc. He had been Consulting Engineer to many railways and dock undertakings in all parts of the Empire, as well as in foreign countries, including the Kowloon Railway, Shanghai and Nanking and other Chinese railways. He was Engineer among other undertakings of the Tower Bridge, Blackfriars Railway arched bridge, Barry Dock and Railways, Kew Bridge, Grangemouth Dock, Surrey Commercial Dock, etc., as well as Natal Harbour works. He was born in 1836 and assumed the additional name of Wolfe by Royal licence in 1898.]

## ANOTHER CANADIAN DISASTER.

London, January 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Halifax says that an explosion occurred in the Acadia Coal Company's mine at Sullarton during the evening. One hundred men were in the pit. Four hours after the explosion only a few had been rescued. It is believed that the loss of life is heavy.

## ITALIAN PREMIER IN ENGLAND.

London, January 24.  
The Italian Premier, Signor Orlando, has arrived in London. He was met by Mr. Lloyd George.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### TWO SHIPS TORPEDOED.

Over 700 Lives Lost.

London, January 23.  
In the House of Commons, Dr. Macnamara stated that 708 persons were drowned owing to the torpedoing of two steamers in the Mediterranean on about December 31. No names were mentioned.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR.

London, January 24.  
Speaking at the Canadian Club at a luncheon to Sir Edward Kemp, the Overseas Minister for Canada, Lord Derby said that Canada by voting for conscription had said to the Motherland "We are with you." Victory was not yet in sight, but the step taken by Canada would hearten us and dishearten the enemy.

Sir Edward Kemp, replying, declared that the Empire would never forget what the United Kingdom had done. (Cheers.) He recently visited the trenches, where the greatest optimism prevailed, and he was confident in the belief that the Hun would never break through. (Cheers.) He had conversed with Sir Douglas Haig and he was glad that the Canadians were under so able and brave a General. (Loud Cheers.)

Mr. Churchill said the path before us was difficult but we would tread it safely and surely looking to assured victory. One more resolute effort would give us all we entered the war for.

Mr. Long said that the relations between the Mother country and Canada had been of the happiest. Referring to the Dominions he said that they had met unexampled difficulties and financial loss in consequence of inroads on shipping. The various High Commissioners and Agents General had valuably helped the Home Government by complying with the latter's requests in this connection. They had never failed to put the respective Dominions' case strongly and well, but had made their chief point their desire to assist the Empire and the Allies.

## BRITISH LABOURITES AND THE WAR.

London, January 23.  
At the Labour Conference at Nottingham, Mr. Parry, in his Presidential address, said that peace by negotiation while Germany occupies foreign territories would mean a German victory. If Germany would not accept President Wilson's, Mr. Lloyd George's and the Labour Party's minimum terms we must fight on. He criticised the Government's non-recognition of the Russian regime. Labour nationally and internationally must play a part in peace in order to secure full and fair consideration of its claims.

After Mr. Lloyd George's and President Wilson's declarations, Germany could no longer claim to be fighting a defensive war. There was yet no sign that the enemy was willing to accept the Lloyd George, Wilson, or Labour principles. Would German Democracy define its war aims and face the Government as we faced our Government? The way was open to Germany if the German people and Government sincerely desired a just peace; but it must be a peace leaving no germs for future wars. The military party in Germany to-day was in the ascendant. A peace agreement under present conditions would mean fastening militarism stronger on the people of Germany and the people of the British Empire and the world. Such a peace would only be a draw. We must have a clean peace, and, if that was only obtainable by fighting, then we must go on fighting to the end. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Arthur Henderson warned the Conference to be prepared for a general election, which would be sprung on the country between the hay and corn harvests. He passionately appealed to Labour to organise. The movement must be broadened to include men like Lord Bessford. He moved a resolution welcoming Mr. Lloyd George's and President Wilson's war aims and statements so far as they harmonised with the Labour aims, and requesting the Allies to formulate their aims at the earliest possible moment, in order that they might be juxtaposed with a similar statement which the Democracies of enemy countries are requested to make. The resolution was carried practically unanimously.

## ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT.

London, January 23.  
A French communique states that an important raid, after an intense bombardment, enabled the Germans to gain a footing in an advanced element of our front line east of Neuport town in Belgium.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports encounters with hostile raiders and patrols south-westward of St. Quentin and states: We drove off a raid southward of La Bassée.

A German official message states: We beat back, after violent hand to hand fighting, French attacks northward of Souain and north-eastward of Avocourt.

London, January 24.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We dispersed a small party making an effort to approach our positions westward of Villers Guislain. Another party which succeeded in entering our trenches north-westward of La Bassée was ejected, leaving prisoners in our hands. The enemy also raided our sap westward of La Bassée. There is hostile artillery firing between St. Quentin and the Scarpe in the neighbourhoods of Messines and Zonnebeke.

Reporting on aviation: Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states: We dropped nearly four hundred bombs on enemy billets at Roulers and Mezin, on a large ammunition dump at Courtrai and on other targets. We also fired a thousand rounds at enemy troops, transport, batteries, and machine guns. We brought down seven machines in air fighting and two others fell out of control, also a balloon flame. Two of ours are missing.

A French communique reports a cannonade in the sector of Neuport, when the enemy, after penetrating the French lines, was immediately ejected. There is lively artillery duelling on the right of the Meuse, in the sector of Hill 344 and Chateau Wood, where an enemy raid was driven off. Between January 1st and 10th, thirteen enemy aeroplanes were destroyed.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, January 23.  
The silver market is quiet.

### AMERICA'S BREACH WITH AUSTRIA.

Senate's Unanimous War Declaration.

Washington, December 7.—With less than an hour's debate, the Senate this afternoon passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary. The resolution was adopted unanimously—70 to 0. Senators Thomas of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska, and Vardaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration, supported the resolution. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin left during the speech-making and did not cast his vote. Meanwhile, there was every indication that the resolution would pass in the House with only one dissenting vote—Representative London, Socialist. Members were so sure of it that they deserted the chamber in droves, to escape the speech-making, and returned later for the voting.

After the House acts the two resolutions will be reconciled or one substituted for the other. The debate in the House was opened by Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He asked the House to pass the resolution unanimously. The declaration, he said, was essential to the welfare of the Allies, and, further, because Austria, in an unrestricted and ruthless submarine warfare, had sunk American ships and murdered American citizens.

No time for a vote on the resolution was set by the House, it was believed it might be expected before six o'clock this evening. "This war—war by Austria upon this country," said Mr. Find. "The assault upon these ships and the murder of these American citizens, was as much an act of war against this country as if Austria had landed an army upon our shores and marched it to this city, burning our homes and murdering our citizens as it came. Our flag has been insulted, our territorial integrity invaded, the lives of our citizens taken, and to submit would bring irreparable injury, loss, and suffering to our people."

"We should accept the gaze of battle from Austria, just as we did from Germany," he declared, "and dwell upon the moral effect, particularly on Italy, saying it would strengthen the front and the whole Allied cause." "Let us pass the resolution speedily," he declared, "linking together for overwhelming defeat the two medieval Governments which plunged the world into war and still stands as the worst obstacle to a just peace among the nations."

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Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre.—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

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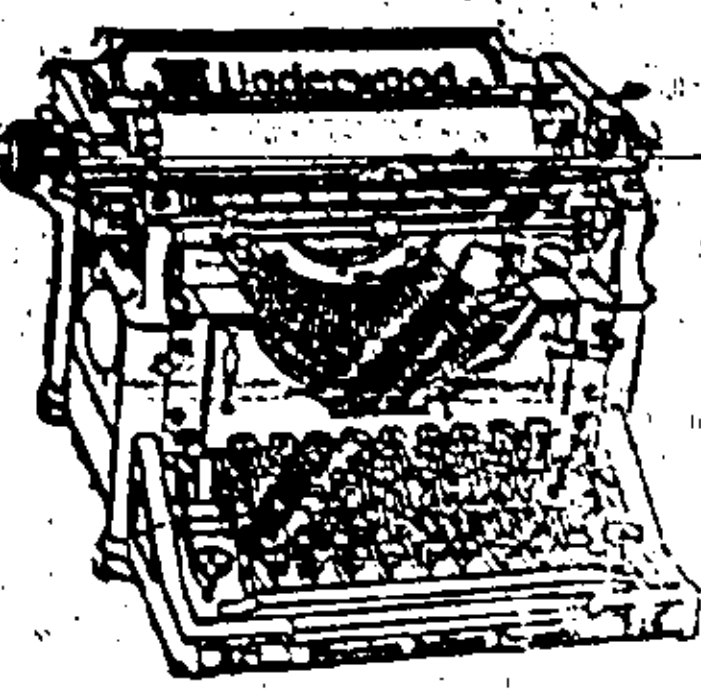


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GENERAL NEWS.

**Hangchow News.**  
The Hangchow correspondent of the N. C. Daily News writes:—  
A Ningpo revolutionary caught with bombs in his possession suffered on Sunday the extreme penalty of the law. The cold weather still continues and the wells are very low and water is very scarce. There was a high wind on Sunday and as a result the Shanghai trains were late! It was an ill wind that blew nobody any good! There are big fires almost daily and some fifty chimneys were burned down on Monday quite near to the O.M.S. Hospital.

**A Veteran Capuchin Dead.**  
It is with much regret, says the Power, that we announce the death, which occurred recently in Allahabad, of the Right Rev. Petronius Gramigna, Bishop of Allahabad. His lordship, who celebrated the seventy-third anniversary of his birthday on Thursday last, had been ailing for some time, and it may be remembered that the Rev. Father Francis Poll was last year appointed Co-adjutor Bishop. The late Bishop was admitted into the Capuchin branch of the Franciscan Order in 1863 and came out to India in 1871. He has been Bishop of Allahabad since 1904.

**Honouring General Maude.**  
The Basrah Times says that a meeting of civilians was to be held on the 6th inst. at Ashar to consider the most suitable means of commemorating in Basrah the names of the late General Maude. It has been announced that the officers and men of the army of occupation are to have an opportunity of commemorating their late chief in their own way, but leading members of all classes of the civil population feel that they too should have an opportunity of placing on record the deep debt of gratitude they owe to one whose name will go down to history as the founder of liberty and the author of good government in Mesopotamia. It is proposed that the memorial should take the form of a hospital to be called the Maude Memorial Hospital, intended primarily for the benefit of the poor of all classes in Basrah.

**"Play The Game."**  
Lieutenant General Sir Robert Baden Powell, in a letter to Sir Arthur Yapp approving the campaign for voluntary self-regulation, says that if all, without exception, "will play the game for their side and not for themselves, and really take to a low food ration, it can, and will, defeat the 'U' boat aims. Unfortunately it is not everybody who has played foot ball and so learned this maxim by practice. We found 'trap-in' Mafeking there under the voluntary system there were hoarders. We dug in one fellow's potato patch, which was especially fattened out. We thought to find tubers hidden in the ground, but we happened on a 30 lb bag of sugar planted there. In justice we fined him a golden pound for every pound avoided, with the alternative of thirty golden days in goal."

**A Foreshore Chain Thief.**  
One of the mysteries of the Shanghai Bund has been solved through the diligence of a Chinese policeman who was determined to unravel it at all costs. Since the New Year various lengths of foreshore chain have vanished at intervals more or less regular, and when the space where the chains should be was measured recently it was discovered that no less than 843 ft. had disappeared. The Police, being unimaginative, did not blame the water gods, but suspected an unknown mortal, and detailed a Chinese constable to watch the foreshore until the chain stealer was caught. But the thief, seeing a new man in uniform, refused to fall into the trap, and nothing happened. Then the policeman got an idea, and disguised himself as a coolie by adopting the simple method of removing, in the Gardens, the apricot tree of his caterpillar. The thief was caught in the act of attempting to cage another length of chain to disguise, and being caught, he confessed and gave the name of the person who had been the thief. The N. C. Daily News would mention that the thief was the interior of the Municipal Office.



## SHIPPING NEWS.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr. R. Pote-Hunt, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Tackwo; Mr. F. C. Everett, acting chief officer, Tackwo, is on reserve; Mr. M. O'Connell, supernumerary second officer, Wingang, has gone supernumerary, Kinging; Mr. J. S. Robinson, second officer, Kinging, has gone second officer, Luenho; Mr. S. Polkinghorne, chief officer, Choyang, has gone chief officer, Kinging; Mr. W. J. Baker, chief officer, Kinging, is on reserve; Mr. J. M. Byrne, second officer, Tackwo, has gone supernumerary second officer, Kinging; Mr. J. W. Duncan, has been appointed second officer, Tackwo; Mr. A. MacIntosh, second officer, Luenho, is on leave; Captain W. Barnes, of the Holbow, is on leave; Mr. R. Turnbull, chief officer, Fengtien, has gone acting master, Holbow; Mr. J. R. Bagg has been appointed supernumerary, Hsin Peking; Mr. A. E. Aakela has been appointed supernumerary, Hsin Peking; Mr. D. H. Leiper, chief officer, Luenyi, is on leave; Mr. H. Markham has been appointed acting chief officer, Luenyi; Captain E. J. Pottinger, of the Linan, has gone master, Kaifong, — "Shipping and Engineering."

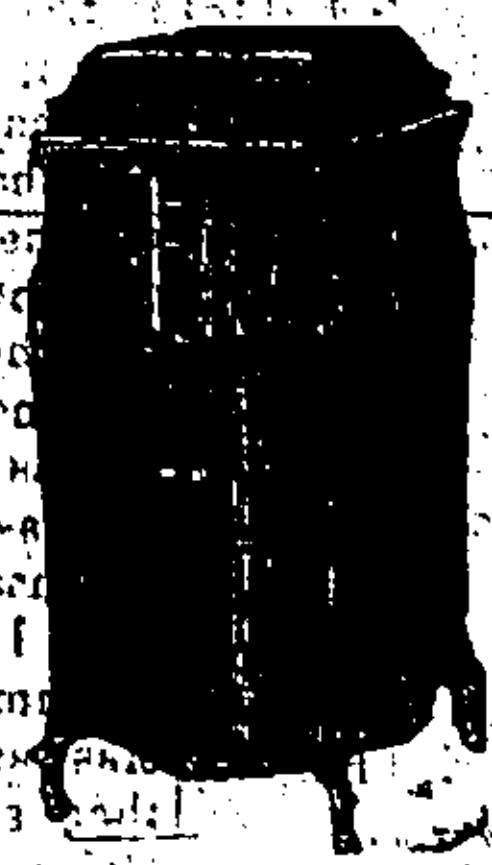
## Shipbuilding Council.

The appointment of a Shipbuilding Council, composed of the foremost experts in the industry, which was recently announced, has effected an incalculable improvement in the prospect of getting the utmost out of the shipbuilding resources of the country, writes a shipping correspondent to the London Daily News. He adds: Perhaps the best feature of the scheme is that the Admiralty Controller, Sir Alan Anderson, is himself to be chairman of the new Council. Sir Alan has the complete confidence of the shipping world. He succeeded his cousin, Sir Eric Geddes, as Controller when the latter became First Lord, and both his general ability and his special knowledge of shipping, gained through long association with the shipbuilding firm of Anderson, Anderson, and Co., who are joint managers of the Orient Line, were regarded as ample justification for the appointment. The first chairman of the Shipbuilding Council is a son of Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson. He is only 40 years of age. One of the great advantages of the new arrangement is that it will introduce for the first time real co-ordination between the activities of the various Deputy Controllerships—of the Navy, of Statistics, etc., of Auxiliary Shipbuilding, and so on. It is obvious, for example, that a policy of "rushing" national shipyards, which originated in the department of the Deputy Controller for Auxiliary Shipbuilding, must now be placed in its proper perspective in relation to the general shipbuilding programme of the country, both mercantile and naval. A leading function of the Council will doubtless be to act as a general intelligence department or clearing house, so that the Controller, and through him the First Lord—who, in his turn, will be the obvious channel of communication with the War Cabinet—may be kept fully informed of what is happening in the sub-departments below. It is inevitable that speculation should centre for the moment upon the effect which this fundamental change in the organisation of one of the most important branches of the Admiralty will have upon the Government's huge undertakings on the shores of the Bristol Channel. These undertakings are already well under way, although, as Dr. Macnamara has stated in the House of Commons, no estimate of the cost has yet been prepared. Plainly, they cannot be wiped out by a mere gesture of the powers, even if that course were desirable. What can now be regarded, however, as certain, is that they will only be developed in so far as they do not absorb labour (particularly skilled labour) and plant which could be more fruitfully employed elsewhere.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## Death of a Donaldson Line Captain.

The death took place recently at his home, 290, Paisley Road West, Glasgow, of Captain William McNeill, commodore captain of the Donaldson Line, of Glasgow. Captain McNeill, who was 59 years of age, and who had been in the service of the Donaldson Line for 24 years—as one of the best known and most popular of Clyde commodores. He was in command of a hospital ship practically since the beginning of the war. He was a native of Troon.

## Mediterranean Service of N.Y.K.

Being confident that the Germans cannot work greater submarine havoc in the Mediterranean, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha after repeated conferences of the board of directors has decided to resume its service on this sea on a scale similar to that before the war, reported the Japan Advertiser simultaneously with the announcement made here recently. Considering the importance of trade relations between France and Japan, such a decision is believed to be most timely. With the Asio Maru, a freighter of 8,000 tons, chartered from the Mura Co., sailing between Port Said and Marseilles, and the two steamers, the Awa Maru and the Toyama Maru sailing between Port Said and Yokohama, this line was resumed recently. Further, the N.Y.K. has chartered the Togo Maru, the Yaitai Maru, the Jintan Maru, the Kaifuka Maru, the Ide Maru, the Taisei Maru and the Shitubei Maru. All these ships will be placed on the service between Port Said and Marseilles and several more ships will be plying between Port Said and Yokohama, thus maintaining an important through freight service between France and Japan. When the through passenger traffic between Yokohama and Marseilles will be resumed is not yet announced, according to the Tokyo paper, although the firm is ready to handle passenger traffic between Port Said and Yokohama and for the ports en route. These

extra "Hoe" steamers, however, will not visibly relieve China trade with Europe, as it is expected that space will be entirely engaged by Japanese shippers.

## Manila and Japanese Steamers.

The following is reproduced from the Manila Daily Bulletin of the 15th instant: Four additional Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats, totalling in displacement tonnage over 20,000 tons, will in the future make Manila a port of call on their regular runs from Seattle to the Orient and return, according to an announcement which has just been made by Warner, Barnes and Company, Ltd., local agents for the Nippon line. The ships are the Fushimi Maru, the Sawa Maru, the Katori Maru, and the Kashima Maru. All ships carry first and second class passengers as well as freight, and the first of these ships will reach Manila next month, detailed information regarding sailing dates and so forth to be obtained from the local agents. According to the announcement made, the Sawa Maru and the Fushimi Maru on their homeward trips to Hongkong from Seattle will call at Manila after leaving Shanghai, whilst the other two steamers, after leaving Hongkong, will call at Manila and then proceed to Shanghai en route to Seattle. The two first-named steamers are due here next month, and the other two a few weeks later. Warner, Barnes and Company yesterday issued the following additional statement regarding the tonnage of the vessels and rules which will be enforced during their calls at this port:—"S. S. Sawa Maru and S. S. Fushimi Maru, 21,020 tons displacement, carry 122 first class, 59 second, 12 intermediate and 178 third class passengers. S. S. Kashima Maru, 18,910 tons displacement carries 113 first class, 56 second, eight intermediate and 163 third class passengers. S. S. Katori Maru, 19,100 tons displacement, carries 112 first class, 56 second, eight intermediate and 173 third class passengers. Dates of sailing and any further particulars can be had upon applying to us. We would also point out that no person will be allowed on board these steamers without being in possession of a pass issued from this office."

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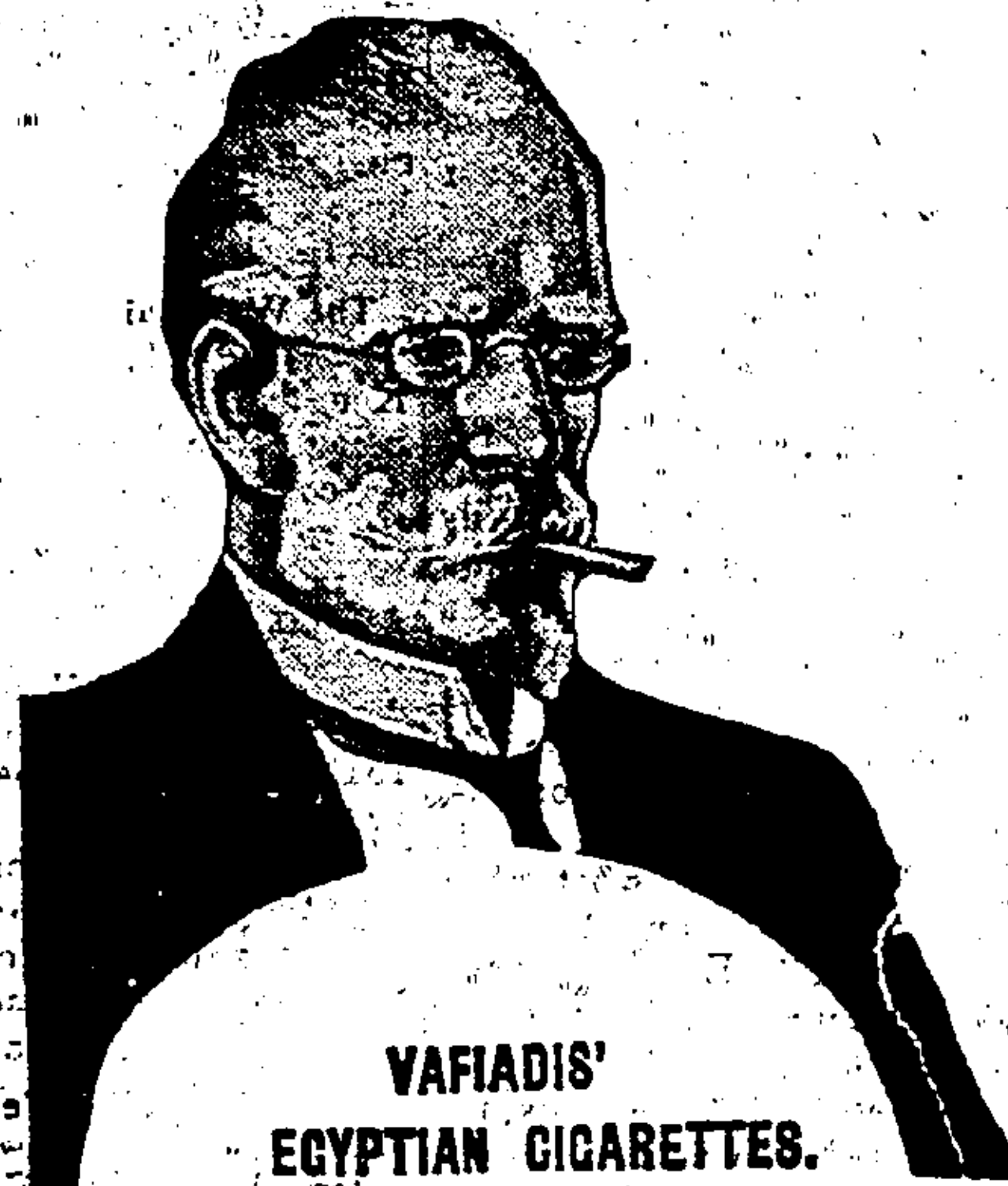
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. v. Maslay.

Under the above heading the following letter to the Editor appeared in the Journal of Commerce of November 17:—"The decision of Mr. Justice Bailhache in this case will hardly come as a surprise to anybody who has had to consider the questions involved by the action. Most people will, however, agree with the remark at the end of your leading article that the judgment 'is useless to the shipowners.' Not only is this likely to be the case, but unless shipowners are careful it may lead to a situation by which their interests may be seriously prejudiced. Such prejudice might easily arise unless shipowners are careful as to the manner in which they respond to the extra judicial suggestions of Mr. Justice Bailhache. Many shipowners have contracts with shippers extending over a number of years, which contracts contain certain exceptions, such as 'Restraint of Princes.' It follows, therefore, that if as the result of 'Restraint of Princes' a position is created which renders it commercially impossible to carry out of contract the shipowners are relieved from liability for not doing so. Requisition by the Government of the particular shipowners' vessels, and of British ships generally, is an important element in establishing a defence of this character. If instead of the vessels being requisitioned, however, there was simply a contract by which the vessels were placed at the disposal of the Government this line of defence, if not entirely unavailable, would certainly be very much prejudiced. It follows, therefore, that shipowners should not make any arrangement placing their vessels at the disposal of the Government, but should only submit to requisition. The position of the managers stands, of course, on a

different footing, and the same result would not follow from their making an arrangement with the Government dealing solely with their individual position. My excuse for troubling you with this letter is that my firm happens at the moment to have several matters in hand, which might be prejudicially affected by any ill-considered action on the part of shipowners generally.—Yours, &c., Charles A. M. Lightbound.

## The Death of Ships.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s freight market report for January 17, having missed an issue a fortnight ago because of the holidays, states:—"The situation in our Homeward freight market has not altered at all since writing on December 20,—the death of steamers on the London berth continues, there being only one British sailing a month. To New York via Panama there has been no sailing since the str. Matoppe left on December 3 and so far there is no boat in sight to follow her. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha have had a few steamers loading in Japan for New York via Panama but their allotment for China cargo have been so small as to be entirely negligible. Much the same state of affairs prevails via the Pacific and the steamers on the berth are not enough to handle all the export cargo which is waiting shipment before China New Year, which takes place about the middle of next month. Coastwise:—There has been a fairly big business done on the coast and trade is brisk from Tairen and Chefoo, while latest reports from the South also show a better feeling, and the Saigon-Hongkong rate now stands at \$1.00 a picul. It is hoped that the damage caused by the floods in Siam will turn out to be not so extensive as was at first anticipated. For New York via Panama:—The only boat on this berth is a N. Y. K. steamer leaving Yokohama early in February.

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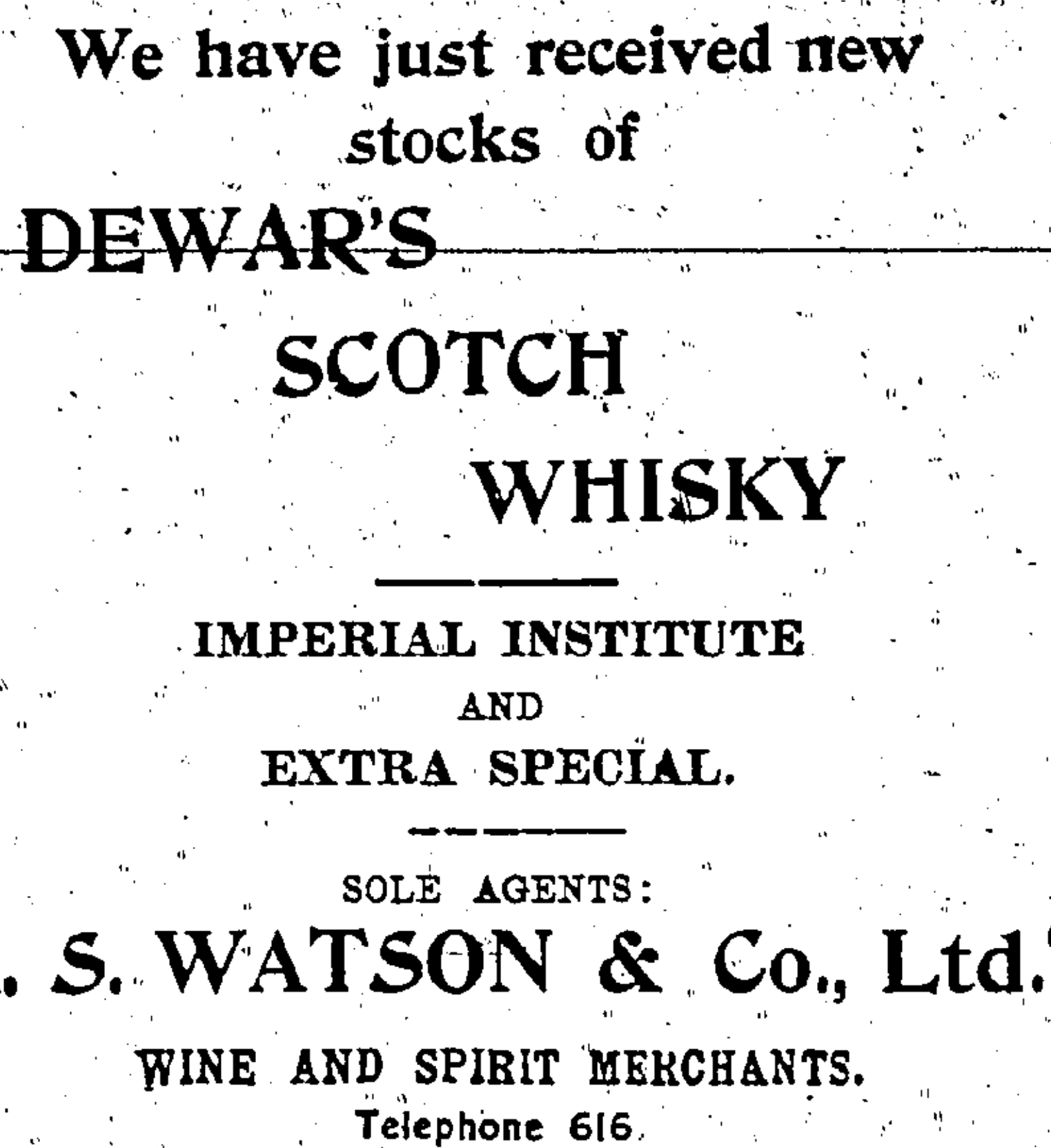
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## PREVENTION AGAINST DISEASE.

It is rather strange that in these days there should be any neglect among foreigners in the East to adopt very necessary precautions against infection by disease. But the indifference is in many cases largely due to postponement of the precaution until an epidemic breaks out. We have seen that fact well illustrated in Hongkong. The vaccination campaign during the last small-pox outbreak in the Colony no doubt greatly circumscribed the disease, but, as Dr. Stanley points out, this is a matter which needs constant bearing in mind, for it has been proved that periodic vaccination is the only sure safeguard against the scourge. That is a point which should be always remembered, whether the Colony is free of disease or whether it is in the grip of an epidemic.

The journalist who is known as Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters seems to be a man of very vivid imagination and the possessor of a grim kind of humour. No doubt he is much more, but that he is at least what we say he is is evident from the expression he uses in one of the telegrams to hand. "In it he refers to the "ghastly hospitality" which we are preparing for the enemy. The words quoted, coming in such close juxtaposition, are extremely arresting, and could only have emanated from a brain that visualised intensely and from a source in which humour was a conspicuous characteristic. It sounds almost paradoxical, for hospitality is invariably associated with what is pleasing to contemplate, while the word ghastly conjures up thoughts of such horrid incidents as, say, those that occurred the other day at Gresson Street and, some years ago, at Sidney Street. However that may be, it is devoutly to be hoped that the sanguinary Huns will get all that Reuter's correspondent conjures up for us in his striking phrase, if they dare to make the attack which it is believed they have (doubtless in a weak moment) been contemplating.

**Opium Trafficking in Shanghai.**—Arrests for selling or smoking opium are of almost daily occurrence now, and as the offenders are dealt with by the Mixed Court (Shanghai) under the Chinese code instead of Municipal by-laws, sentences are heavier. A fine \$300 for selling and \$50 for smoking with, in some cases, imprisonment besides, is sufficient punishment to make offenders think twice before they do it again, says the *N. C. Daily News*.

Camp Duty.—From December 4th to 12th the V. A. D. was in charge of the Field Hospital at the Dome Hill Camp of the Cadets Company H. K. V. C. The following were on duty:—Mrs. Gagg (3), Miss G. E. Ellis, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss A. Gordon M. L. Ellis, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. R. B. Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. James, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. McKenny, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Fleming and Keigwio.

During the year, His Majesty the King was pleased to appoint H. E. Sir Henry May, K.O.M.G. to be Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

of the men's detachments. In conclusion, he thanked them for the signed group photograph they had given him, saying it would be one of his most interesting souvenirs of Hongkong. — (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated, a group photograph being taken.

Mr. Birrell's retirement from the House of Commons will, to use his own phrase respecting Disraeli, "eclipse the galaxy of politics and banish epigram from Parliament," unless, indeed, he were to become a peer, says the *Manchester Guardian*. As Lord Birrell, the retiring member for North Bristol would add distinction to an assemblage whose reputation has suffered of late owing to charges about the distribution of "honours," and he would make a suitable literary companion for Lord Morley, who, as member for Newcastle-on-Tyne in the summer of 1889, was the first to say a word of praise about Mr. Birrell's maiden speech in Parliament. That speech was a very brief one, on the subject of the grants to the late Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise; afterwards, Duchess of Rife. Brief as it was, however, Mr. Birrell quickly contrived to give the House a taste of his literary quality, for his second sentence contained a quotation from Edmund Burke, and later came the characteristic remark that you could restrict the scope of an inquiry, "but you could not restrict the sphere of men's reflections." Perhaps he was never taken quite seriously as a politician till he became Minister of Education in 1906, when he, in whom "society had delighted as "the" harmonious blacksmith," came to experience party hatred. It was surely a malignant fate that placed Mr. Birrell first at the Education Office and next at Dublin Castle. In the days when "cross-currents" prevailed with disconcerting frequency in the Liberal party his cheerful good-nature and kindly urbanity caused rumour to nominate him for leadership, and though present-day opinion may write "failure" over his political career, one is not sure that he has not commended a particularly fine kind of success.

There is a firm of booksellers in Mr. Birrell's native city which is particularly proud of him, and with good reason, for Mr. Birrell once declared that a man couldn't be a gentleman in Liverpool until he had an account open with that particular firm. True, Mr. Birrell qualified his declaration by stating that it was not necessary to pay the account, though in practice he always did so himself. On the subject of payment Mr. Birrell holds tenuous opinions. He once accepted a reduced fee from a poor client, and was promptly accused of "unprofessional conduct." "Unprofessional!" retorted Mr. Birrell. "What do you mean? I took all the poor devil had!"

In the new scale of pay for our soldiers little is said about deductions. From time immemorial (writes "G. B.") the soldier has had to submit to all sorts of deductions from his daily pay. The surgeons who were attached to the army in the time of Queen Elizabeth actually received a weekly stoppage from the private soldiers. A record of the duties of military surgeons about that time contained the following curious regulation:—"Surgeons should be men of sobriety, of good conscience, and skillful in that science, able to heal all sores and wounds, specially to take out a pellet of the same. All captaines must have such surgeons, and ought to see them to have all their oyles, balmes, salves, and instruments, and necessary stuffs to them belonging, allowings and sparing for the same. That every souldier, at the paye daye, doe give unto the sargeon 2d. 'as in tymes past hath bene accustomed,' to the augmentation of his wages; in consideration whereof the surgeon oughte readilie to employ his industrie upon the sore and wounded soldiers, not intermeddling with any other cures to them noyesome. Regarding that the surgeon becometh part his wages, and all money paid to him for cures, that by the same he maye live all to provide all such stuffs as to him is needfull. Such surgeons muste weare their baldricke whereby they may be knowne in the tyme of slaughter; & to be their charier in the field."



## MARINE COURT INQUIRY.

The Hearing Adjourned  
for a Week.

At the Marine Court to-day the enquiry was continued into the alleged misconduct of Mr. G. N. Major whilst Chief Officer of the s.s. Manapouri on November 12, in taking the ship out of the hands of the master, Captain Wilson. Commander O. W. Beckwith, R. N., presided, and Commander F. Gibson (H. M. S. Tamar), Capt. W. Davison, H. N. R., Captain T. A. Mitchell and Captain R. A. Biss were also present. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton appeared on behalf of Mr. Major, and Mr. O. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, on behalf of Captain Wilson.

The President of the Court said they would like an explanation of the extraordinary document which had come into his possession purporting to be a reference given to Captain Wilson by the Second Officer to him as master.

Capt. Wilson said he was asked to resign on January 4. He did so in writing stating that he did so until such time as Mr. Muller, Mr. Williamson and himself were satisfied that the charges of drunkenness were proved false. On January 5, he signed off and paid off the crew on the ship. About 5 p.m. the Second Officer, Mr. Nicholls, came to him in his room and asked him what was the reference of a drunken master was. He (Mr. Nicholls) had among others signed the document charging him with drunkenness. The Second Officer replied that the master was excited. Complainant said he would give him a reference as he did not wish his career to be damaged. He gave him the reference and then said that if what he (the Second Officer) had said was true he should write it down. He told him that so far as he was concerned he had no further influence over him and could if he liked tell him to go to. Later complainant saw him tear up a piece of paper and say: "That won't do." A little time after he entered his room and gave him the reference, saying "Capt Wilson, it is not my business but I could have told you six months ago that that (pointing down to the Chief Officer's room) old was working against you. I told them they were dirty low down to be so friendly to you and your wife when they were working against you." Complainant, continuing, said they said good-bye and he left.

Mr. Shenton, in his address, said this was a charge of mutiny, and nothing more nor less. The whole question was whether, having regard to the circumstances, the conduct of Mr. Major was justified. Did he do his duty to the Company, the ship, and the passengers on the ship? The Court must remember that Capt. Major came to the decision to do on the high sea, where there were many things to be considered. This offence was a most serious one, it was perhaps the most serious offence which could be committed aboard ship. Capt. Major had had over 40 years' experience on the sea and he had held a master's certificate for 20 years. They would notice that Captain Wilson did nothing for some time after he had arrived in Hongkong. The story of Capt. Major and the other witnesses did seem like a story without foundation. Capt. Major, when he came into the colony from his last trip, was served with a notice to appear court within 24 hours. The Court would see that there was no time to take up a story in that time. A reference to the allegations against Mr. Green, they were a venomous attack, done out of spite. These actions were most serious and as very easily ruin the family life of Mr. Green. He (Mr. Son) had the greatest admiration for Mr. Wilson. She had told the Court to stand by her husband. Capt. Wilson had his job. She supported her husband. But what he would know was whether Mr. Wilson was Captain of the ship. She seemed to have the most extraordinary part in the day. The inquiry was eventually adjourned until next Friday.

## BILLIARDS.

Close of Soldiers' Club  
Tournament.

At the Soldiers' Club last night a large number of billiard enthusiasts assembled to witness the final match in the Club Billiard Challenge Cup Competition and the presentation of prizes in connection with that event and the Garrison Billiard Challenge Cup Competition. In the latter, which had already been decided, the 87th Coy. R.G.A. were the winners, while in the former the "B" Coy. H.K. Defence Corps and Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons of the Police Reserve were finalists, the latter having a lead of 88 points when play was resumed last night. They eventually won by a margin of 181. The last game of the tournament was easily the best of the whole competition. Both Mr. Yanovitch and his opponent, Mr. Jennings, played delightful billiards and the former especially gained much applause for many excellent shots. When this game commenced the Police Reserve were leading by 70 points and so well did Mr. Yanovitch play that he not only made the game safe but won 111 points. His best breaks were 30, 43, 36 and 31 and Mr. Jennings was responsible for a well played 44, made nearly all off the red. The scores were as follows:—

H. K. P. R.			
Guimaraes	...	...	238
Saizera	...	...	250
Remedios	...	...	243
Ryano	...	...	250
Biradas	...	...	232
Yanovitch	...	...	250
			1481

H. K. D. C.			
Ritchie	...	...	250
Johnson	...	...	155
Gray	...	...	250
Parke	...	...	238
Gardner	...	...	250
Jennings	...	...	139
			1280

Mention should be made of the referee, Private Wells, of the 25th Middlesex Regt., who has refereed the whole of the matches in both tournaments in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all concerned.

The presentation of cups and medals was performed by Colonel Young, R.E., who congratulated the winners on their success and expressed his pleasure at being present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, three cheers were called for the Colonel by Garrison Sgt. Major Hurl, and these and a "tiger" were lustily given. The various results were as follows:—

Garrison Billiard Challenge Cup. A trophy presented by the Hongkong Volunteers in 1913 to be competed for annually by teams of Regular Military Units in the Colony. Won last year by R. E.

Seven teams competed this year. Winners.—No. 87 Co. R.G.A. Challenge Cup with Gold and Silver Medals.

Runners-up.—No. 88 Co. R.G.A. Silver Medals.

Silver Cup for Highest Break, presented by Messrs Bradley and Co.—Won by Bdr Southall, No. 87 Co. R.G.A. with a 44 break.

The names of the finalists in this competition are as follows:—87th Coy. (Winners).—Q M.S. Ross, Cpl. Small, Sergt. Edgeler, Br. Southall, Sergt. Ives and Barker.

88th Coy. (Runners-up).—Cpl. Gilford, Gr. Donelson, Br. Drummond, Sergt. Davis, Gr. Barnes and Capt. Cooney.

Soldiers' Club Billiard Challenge Cup.

Open to teams from units of Royal Navy, Army and Auxiliary Forces in the Colony.—Won last year by Hongkong Police and Warders. Sixteen teams entered this year, every branch of the services being represented.

Winners.—Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons H.K.P.R. Challenge Cup and Gold Medals.

Runners up.—"B" Coy. H.K.D.C. Gold and Silver Medals. Silver Cup, presented by Mr. J. A. Tarrent to the military team going farthest in the Competition.—Won by No. 88 Co. R.G.A., who ran into the semi-final, being defeated by the H.K.P.R. (3 and 4 Platoons) by 126 points.

Silver Cup to the Sailor or Soldier of the Regular Forces making the highest break, presented by a Staff Inspector of the H. K. P. Reserve who wishes to remain anonymous.—Won by Gr. J. Lord, No. 83 Co. R.G.A., with a break of 42 points.

## THE "COURT CARDS."

Although there was not a very large attendance at the Theatre Royal last evening, the "Court Cards" gave a most enjoyable programme, one that deserved far better support. But the Company received the hearty plaudits of those present and masters went with a swing. Miss Vio Parsons again sang some very pleasing songs, whilst Miss Dorothy Grace and Miss Rosina Palmerston contributed quite a number of bright and entertaining items. As Joker, Mr. Edgar Warwick introduced much clever wit, and in this he was very ably seconded by Mr. George Titchener, whose comic songs and stories have to be heard to be fully appreciated. Mr. Albert Keats was not only an accompanist but also contributed to the vocal talent of the evening. The concluding burlesque of a modern melodrama was highly humorous. This evening there is a complete change of programme, when it is hoped that the Company will receive more encouragement.

Szechuanese Invasion of Yunnan.

It is reported that the Szechuanese have invaded Yunnan and occupied Wuting, taking advantage of the fact that the majority of the Yunnanese troops are at present engaged in Szechuan, leaving their own province practically unguarded. General Wu Kuang-hsin telegraphs that he has left Ichang with two brigades of mixed troops to attack the rebels at Chinchow.—N. C. Daily News.

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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Development of Empire Resources.

Numerous investigations by the Imperial Institute relating to the development of Empire industry and trade are summarised in a report recently presented to the executive council of the institute. As a natural under present circumstances, many of the investigations relate to the important questions of food supplies from the Colonies and India. The Department of Agriculture in Burma, which is devoting much attention to the improvement of Rangoon rice has forwarded a series of twelve varieties of rice for examination, with a view to the selection of those best suited for the British market. A report on the subject has been furnished giving the opinions of British rice millers and others as to the types of rice required in this country, and further inquiries are in progress as to the value of these various rice for brewing, manufacture of rice starch and other industrial purposes. Eleven different varieties of maize, grown experimentally in Nigeria, have been examined as to their suitability for export to the United Kingdom. The samples were all of good quality, and consignments of all of them, if shipped in good condition, would be readily saleable in this country for human consumption, as feeding stuffs for animals, or for the production of alcohol. In continuation of efforts to encourage the production in Egypt of potatoes, recommendations have been made to the Egyptian Government as to the best variety for the purpose, and arrangements have been completed for sowing. A considerable amount of attention has been given in recent years to the recovery of wax from the waste produced in the extraction of sugar from the sugar-cane and it is satisfactory to find that this industry has now been started on a small scale in Natal. Samples of the first consignment of Natal sugar-cane wax shipped to this country have been examined at the Imperial Institute and found to be of good quality quite equal to that of the first trial samples made and examined. Sugar-cane wax is now becoming better known on the market, and could be used as a substitute for the better known Carnauba wax in the manufacture of gramophone records, polishes, candles, &amp;c. Among other materials dealt with in the report are Nyasaland tobacco, Rhodesian oils, Egyptian drugs, and British East African minerals.

## American Trade Commissioner.

The American Customs authorities have taken a step that will interest not only importers in America of Chinese products but the exporters in this country. This is the appointment of a special commissioner of the Treasury Department whose duties will be to examine and report on the valuation of merchandise exported to the United States, and to handle the accompanying invoices. This is in accordance with the system in operation many years in European countries where there are resident agents of the American Treasury Department (Customs) whose business is not alone to see that goods are invoiced at true local market value, but to notify the port of entry American of the shipment "suspected" cargo in which attempt may be made to smuggle undeclared goods. Some of the largest smuggling frauds are detected through the advance reports of Treasury agents abroad—particularly the smuggling of such things as diamonds and silk. Mr. Martin R. Nelson is the special commissioner detailed to Shanghai, as announced yesterday by General Sammons. Accompanying the new officer is Frederick Achenbach, a former service of many years in Europe, who will travel with Nicholson on a trip through his new district, which covers China and other adjoining territory. The special commissioner in the Far East for the American Treasury Department, who acted in similar capacity before he made his headquarters at Yokohama, now the seat of the Japanese port will continue his activities in Japan. The rest of China and contributing efforts will be in charge of Nicholson, with offices in American Consulate at Shanghai.







## THE WANCHAI AFFRAY.

## FUNERALS OF THE VICTIMS.

## Imposing Demonstration of Public Sympathy.

Never before in Hongkong has there been such a demonstration of public sympathy and respect as was shown yesterday afternoon, when the funerals of two European officers and one Indian officer of the Police Force, who lost their lives in the tragic happenings at Wanchai on Tuesday, took place. Representatives of every uniformed corps in the Colony participated, and huge crowds assembled to pay a last mark of esteem to the three men who lost their lives during the execution of their duty. The remains of the late Inspector Mortimer O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clarke were laid to rest at Happy Valley, in the Roman Catholic and Protestant Cemeteries respectively, whilst the body of the Indian constable, Mula Singh, was cremated at the Sikh Temple, Morrison Hill, one funeral procession being made of all three corteges.

The funeral procession, which was over half a mile long when completed, started from the Government Civil Hospital, the gun carriages bearing the remains of Sergeant Clarke and Constable Mula Singh, proceeding to No. 5 Police Station. Here it was joined by the Middlesex Band, and other units, and was quite an impressive sight as it passed through the central part of the City, the band playing suitable selections. Crowds lined the roadsides and many were the marks of respect shown. On reaching Garden Road, the procession with the hearse bearing Inspector O'Sullivan's body, which had commenced from the Roman Catholic Cathedral where the deceased had lain since the previous day, joined the main body. Together the whole procession was of great length, but was even added to as it passed the Naval Yard by a detachment from the Navy. The throngs of Chinese, which lined the roads in Wanchai were dense and displayed much respect. At the market the procession was joined by the Police Reserve Band. Police Reservists lined the route right from the market to the cemetery gates, the Wanchai Market section being under Mr. T. F. Hough, A. S. P. and Adjutant, and the Monument section under Mr. J. W. Franks, A. S. P. The Reserve Band played Chopin's Funeral March as the completed procession wended its way to the Sikh Temple.

## The Order of Procession.

The order of the processionists was:—

Mounted Police under Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P.R. and Inspector Gagg.

Band of the H.K.P.R. Bagpipers and Drummers of the 26th Middlesex.

Coffin of Inspector M. O'Sullivan, accompanied by Inspectors of Police and Police Reserve and relatives and friends.

Body of Sergeant Clarke, on gun carriage drawn by Sergeants of Police and accompanied by relatives and friends.

Body of Constable Mula Singh on gun carriage drawn by Indian Police.

Principal Police Officers, including the O. S. P. (Hon. Mr. Mol. Messer), Mr. T. H. King, A. S. P., Mr. T. F. Hough, A. S. P. (R), Dr. Jordan and Dr. Lindsay Woods (Surgeons attached to H. K. P. R.).

Naval and Military Officers. Members of Police and Police Reserve.

Volunteer Fire Brigade. Wardens of Victoria Gaol. Naval Yard Police.

Warrant Officers and Men of the Navy. Royal Marines. Dockyard Defence Corps (R.N.V.R.).

Garrison Military Police. Military detachments, including B.E., R.G.A., Middlesex, B.A.M.O., A. S. O. and A. O. C. Indian Police.

Indian Wardens of Victoria Gaol. Naval Yard Indian Police.

## Indian Watchmen (in large numbers).

Pupils of St. Joseph's School. Members of the Police Reserve, the guard falling in as the procession passed them, and a large number of civilians, with Mounted Police Reservists bringing up the rear.

On reaching the Sikh Temple, where a guard of honour, composed of men from the B.E., R.S.A., and A.O.C., awaited the gun carriages, the body of the Indian constable was taken into the Temple grounds followed by the Indian followers. The European corteges proceeded to the monument. The religious ceremony at the Sikh crematorium was attended by not a few Europeans, the attendance of Sikhs being extremely large.

At the monument His Excellency the Governor and members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, with many other officers and civilians joined the cortege. Here also a body of Chinese Police, bearing wreaths, fell in, while the Fire Engine, which had borne a further big load of wreaths to the cemetery, stood by.

## Service in Catholic Cemetery.

The procession stopped at the entrance to the Roman Catholic cemetery, where a Guard composed of the Volunteer Fire Brigade took charge of Sergeant Clarke's coffin, and that of Inspector O'Sullivan was borne within. Boys carrying crucifix and candles preceded the priests, of whom many were present, as well as Sisters from the Convents. Rev. Father Augustin, Military Chaplain, conducted the burial service, while with him were: Rev. Father de Maria (representing His Lordship the Bishop), Rev. Father Spada, Rev. Father Naval (Spanish Procurator), Rev. Father Robert (French Procurator), Rev. Father Banchi and others, including all of the priests and pupils of the seminary. Inspectors Brown, Garrod, Gordon, Grant, Gerrard and Brasil formed the bearers. The burial service was choral and the scenes were very impressive. Rev. Father Augustin delivered a short address from the graveside. He said:—"It is very difficult for me to open my lips at the grave of a friend whom I have loved as much as you; but at the same time I know I shall be understood when I speak to such an audience as this about Mortimer O'Sullivan. You will not require logic, rhetoric or an eloquent speech to move you to tears. In him Erin has lost a faithful son, the Empire a faithful member, the Colony a gallant officer and honest citizen; you have lost a friend who was sincere and at the same time acceptable to everyone and the Catholic Church has lost a most faithful son. Our hearts grieve, but for us who profess the Christian religion there is hope. . . . Our friend has but said a requiem. I have known him for 20 years and I say that if any Christian may hope for the heavenly reward it is Mortimer O'Sullivan. He was faithful to his King, charitable to all people and, in particular, faithful to God. People say that when a man passes the Canal, morals and principles are left behind. . . . It was not so in the case of our dear friend. . . . From the very beginning he has observed the moral law to the very letter, constant even to the very death. . . . He will meet God not so much as his Judge as his Saviour." The Rev. Father concluded by making an appeal to his hearers to see the example before them and to speculate not so much on the coming of Christ as upon the possibility of themselves being suddenly called before the Judgment Seat.

## Interment of Sergt. Clarke.

This ceremony over, the interment of Sergeant Clarke, in the Protestant Cemetery was proceeded with, the deceased being buried next to the grave of Sergeant Johnstone who was killed last week. Sergeants Cooke, Grimmett, Sutton, Oulifford, Willie, Hollands, Payne and Jackson were the bearers. His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, attended by the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, conducted the service.

So large was the attendance at the funeral that it was impossible to note all the prominent people

attending. At Inspector O'Sullivan's grave the relatives were Inspector P. O'Sullivan (brother), Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. D. V. O'Sullivan and Mr. M. Keneally (brother-in-law). At Sergeant Clarke's grave the principal mourners were Sergeant Inspector S. J. Clarke (brother), Sergeant Marks (brother-in-law). Others noticed at the graveside were His Excellency the Governor and Aide-de-Camp, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., Major Hammond (representing Major General Ventris, G. O. C.), Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. R. G. Shaw, Commander Beckwith R.N., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. E. Pollock K.C., Major Pasby O.R.A., Mr. Wei Yek C.M.G., Col. John Ward M.P., Major MacDonald H. K. D. O., Major Robertson A. O. C., the Japanese Consul, Mr. E. Suzuki, Lt. Commander Naguchi, Captain Cassel (General Staff), Captain W. F. Richardson (Provost Marshal), Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp K.C., Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. C. Severn C.M.G., Captain Halliday R.G.A., Commander Myburgh (representing Commodore Sandeman), S. M. Bond and Q. M. S. Rodgers, Surgeon General Draper, Hon. Mr. E. H. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. H. Percy Smith, Mr. H. W. Looker, Mr. W. A. Dowley and many others.

## The Wreaths.

The following were the principal wreaths sent to the Sikh Temple:—His Excellency the Governor, Colonial Treasurer and Treasury Staff, Junior M.O.s, and men of O. Company, 25th Batta, Middlesex, Chief Inspector and Mess. Kerr, General Committee, Officers and Men of the Chinese Company, H.K.P.R., Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Chinese Detective Staff (Hong Kong), Sanitary Inspectors of the Western District, Mr. D. W. Treisman, European Detective Staff (Central), Ship's Company H.M.S. Tamar, Chief Inspector D'Almada, Inspectors Sergeants and Constables of No. 2 Company H.K.P.R., Sergeants Mess Hongkong Defence Corps, Sergeants of No. 2 Station, Officers and Men of the Dockyard Defence Corps, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. F. O. Jenkin and Superintendents of the H.K.P.R., Major Robertson and Staff A.O.C., Officers Mess Hongkong Defence Corps, Sergeants Mess Sham Shui Station, Staff Inspectors Police Reserve, Clerical Staff of the Magistracy. Among those sending wreaths in remembrance of the late Inspector O'Sullivan were:—His Excellency the Governor, and Colonial Treasurer and Treasury Staff, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Otago Engineer Cricket Club, Central District Sanitary Inspectors, Sergeants Mess Hongkong Defence Corps, Sanitary Inspectors, Sergeants Mess 83rd Company R.G.A., Clerical Staff of the Magistracy, Sergeants Mess Yasumi, Hon. Mr. O. M. L. Messer, Commander of Harbour Office, Sergeants Mess No. 2 Station, Officers and Ship's Company H.M.S. Whiting, The D.S.P.R. (Mr. F. O. Jenkin) and Superintendents H.K.P.R., Officers and Engineers a.s. Haitan, Clerical Staff of the Police Department, Garrison Sergeants Mess, European members Dockyard Police, His Honour Mr. Justice H.H.J. Gompertz, Government Audit Office, Royal Engineers' Sergeants Mess, Interpreters No. 7 Station, Chinese Detectives West Point, Chinese Interpreters Supreme Court Staff, N.O.O.s, 83th Company R.G.A., Major Robertson and Staff A.O.C. Warrant Officers and Men of the Middlesex, Cheung Shui Station, H.M.S. Rosario, the Water Police, Sergeants of No. 5 Station, Wardroom Officers H.M.S. Tamar, the Crown Solicitor (Mr. G. H. Wakeman), Officers Mess Victoria Gaol, Volunteer Fire Brigade, Chinese Detective Staff Hongkong, Staff of the Building Ordinance Office, Indian Police Force, Staff Inspectors H.K.P.R., Interpreters of the Detective Office, the Nippon Club, Sergeants Mess H.K. and S.B.R.G.A., Japanese Benevolent Society, Mr. D. W. Treisman, Officers of the Rosario, Chinese Detectives of No. 7 Station, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Chinese Detectives Hong Kong, Ship's Company H.M.S. Tamar, European Staff Imports

and Erno's Office, Indian Members H.K.P.R., Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Consul for Portugal (Mr. E.V.M.R. da Sousa), Officers Mess H.K.D.C., Chief Inspector D'Almada, Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables of No. 2 Company H.K.P.R., Hongkong Tramway Company, Victoria Theatre Management, and two from hawkers of Stanley Street.

Those sent to Sergeant Clarke's graveside included the following from:—His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Treasurer and Treasury Staff, Deceased's father, sister, wife and children, European members of the Dockyard Police, the Crown Solicitor (Mr. G. H. Wakeman), Sergeants Mess of No. 5 Station, Volunteer Fire Brigade, Water Police, The D.S.P.R. (Mr. F. O. Jenkin) and Superintendents of the H.K.P.R., Staff Inspectors H.K.P.R., Detective Staff, Garrison Sergeants Mess, Sergeants Mess at Central, the Nippon Club, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Officers and N. O. C. of 83rd Co. R.G.A., Officers and Men of the Dockyard Defence Corps, R.G.A. Sergeants Mess Victoria Barracks, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. O. D. Melbourne, Detective Staff, Clerical Staff of the Magistracy, Sergeants Mess 83rd Co. R.G.A., Government Audit Office, Chinese Detectives of No. 7 Station, Mr. O. G. Alabaster, Officers of H.M.S. Rosario, Sergeants Mess of 87th Co. R.G.A., Naval Depot at Kowloon, Sergeants Mess H.K.D.C., Wardroom Officers H.M.S. Tamar, Garrison Military Police, H. M. Submarines, Warrant Officers and Sergeants 25th Batta, Middlesex, Torpedo Boat No. 038, His Honour Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, Sergeants of No. 7 Station, K. E. Sergeants Mess, Sergeants of No. 2 Station, Dr. Jordan, Officers Mess at Victoria Gaol, Sergeants Mess at Central, Interpreters of the Detective Office, Hongkong, General Committee, Officers and Men of the Chinese Company H.K.P.R., Clerical Staff of the Police Department, Ship's Company H. M. S. Tamar, Sergeants of No. 7 Station, Western District Sanitary Officers and Engineers a.s. Haitan, the Consul for Portugal (Mr. E. V. M. R. da Sousa), Indian Members of the Police Reserve, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Staff of Building Ordinance Office, Sergeants Mess H.K. and S.B.R.G.A., Chief Inspector and Mrs. Kerr, Chief Inspector D'Almada, Sergeants and Constables of No. 2 Company H.K.P.R., European Staff Imports and Export Office, Mr. D. W. Treisman, Major Robertson and Staff A.O.C., N.O.O.s, and Men of O. Company 25th Batta, Middlesex, Officers, Warrant Officers and N. O. C. of 83rd Co. R.G.A., Hongkong Tramway Company, Otago Engineer Cricket Club, Garrison Military Police, Chinese Police at Shaikwan, Indian Police Force, Officers Mess H.K.D.C., Commander Beckwith and Harbour Office Staff, Victoria Recreation Club and Management Victoria Theatre.

It should be added that Sergeant T. Pitt carried out the duties of marshalling the large procession.

## The Chinese Victims.

The body of the Chinese Detective, Constable Kong Kai, was also removed from the Public Mortuary yesterday accompanied by a contingent of the regular police. It was placed on a junk specially engaged to convey it to Kowloon for burial.

The body of Kwong Sang, Chinese Constable No. 29, the man who died yesterday morning from wounds received in Greenon Street, was removed from the Government Civil Hospital Mortuary this afternoon and taken to Salt Fish Lane for conveyance in a junk thenceforth to the country for burial. The funeral procession was attended by Chinese and European police.

## Overtaking the U-Boat Losses.

Mr. Charles Grasty, cabling to the New York Times from Paris, forwards an interview with a high Allied authority, who states that the construction of Allied shipping will overtake the U-boat losses about May.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report dated Friday, 25th January, 1918, state:—

A large business has been transacted during the week under review and the market shows all round strength. According to latest information from Shanghai the market there looks healthier. Shanghai Docks particularly have been in strong demand. Singapore Batters show an advance on last week's quotations. The price of plantation rubber comes through at 2/4 per lb.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been raising strong all the week and the price has advanced to \$625. There have been no shares for sale, consequently no transactions reported. There has been a further rise \$2 in London, making the price there \$388.

Marine & Fire Insurance.—China Fires are wanted at the improved rate of \$126 and Hongkong Fires are in strong request at \$310. Unions, after sales at \$750, have strengthened to \$755 and even a higher rate might be paid. Cantoners are also in demand and are enquired for at \$390. North Chinas at \$115 and Yangtzes at Shanghai \$205 (Each: 75) remain unchanged.

Shipping.—Indo-China "de-facto" have been in good demand and have changed heads to some extent. The market opened at \$154, but since rose to \$158, at which rate buyers predominate. A large forward business has again been put through and there are buyers at the close for March delivery at \$161. The latest price cabled from home is \$37 10s. Od., so the market there continues strong. The Preferred are asked for at \$33; with no shares offering. Douglas has been steadily rising and are now quoted at \$78 buyers. cash and \$81 March. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are easier with sellers at \$17. "Star" Ferries are steady at \$28.

Refineries.—China Sugars are a shade firmer with buyers at \$90 and probably \$93 could be obtained for March. Malabars are on the weak side and close with a nominal quotation of \$34.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have strengthened considerably. A fair business was done at \$126 when the market suddenly took a jump to \$139, and there have been large dealings in the stock both for cash and forward, business being put through for March at \$134. Shanghai Docks, after a long spell of depression with small business being done in the neighborhood of \$10, have also come into favour and according to latest advices from the North the market took a sudden turn and a strong demand has been the price soaring up to \$14.77 with buyers for June at \$14.82. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are slightly easier in spite of the reported excellent dividend and bonus amounting to 20 per cent, altogether to be declared. After sales in the early part of the week at \$97, the market receded to \$96, at which there have been a fair number of bookings at \$99 for March Settlement.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Central Estates have further improved to \$97, but Hongkong Lands are unchanged at \$90. Humphreys' Estates have been sold at \$5.90 and more shares are wanted. A few Hongkong Hotels changed hands at \$90.

Oils and Mining.—Longkats are a shade firmer with buyers at \$14. "Shell" Transports are without business at \$12, also Ural Caspian at \$2. Kailan Mines are still in demand at \$38. Raab could probably be placed at \$2.40. Tronohs are offering at \$6.

Electric Companies.—Sales in Hongkong Electric were reported at \$48 and more shares can be placed. China Lights are impossible to pick up at their present quotation of \$3. Low Level Tramways have been booked at \$6.45 and \$5.50.

Cotton Mills.—The Mills are reported to be doing very well and the market seems to be strengthening. Shanghai Cottons are in strong demand at \$12.122 and at \$12.5. March. Ewo Cottons have probable buyers at \$14.170 and Kangyika at \$14.

14.10, ex the dividend of \$12.2 recently distributed. Yangtze-poo have buyers at \$18.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements are in demand at \$7.60 at which price a good number of shares changed hands. China Borneos have firmed up to \$83 buyers. China Providents continue in request at \$73. Dairy Farms are weaker with shares offering at \$304. Loss have strengthened to \$187. Ropes have sellers at \$291 and Watsons at \$54. Peak Tramways have weakened at \$84. There are buyers of Powells at \$6.

Forward Settlement Days.—29th January (Tuesday), 22nd February (Friday), 27th March (Wednesday) and 26th April (Friday).

Straits Rubber Quotations.—The following are to-day's cabled quotations for Straits Rubbers:—Malakoffs \$4.40, Kempas \$9, Ayer Panas \$11, Kedahs \$3.95, Alor Gajahs \$4.30, Radellas \$12, Tapahs \$21, Changkat Sengangs \$8.80, Ayer Moleks \$2.60, New Serendangs \$4.70, Pajamas \$15.25 and Sandycrofts \$4.30, all Straits Currency.

Exchange.—Bar Silver (ready) is quoted at 42 1/2. The T. T. rate on London to-day is 2/11 and on Singapore 128 1/2. The Bank's 3d/s buying rate on Shanghai is 63 1/2.

## Companies' Reports.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.—The Directors will recommend at the next meeting of shareholders:—To pay a dividend of \$5 per share, absorbing \$380,000; To pay a Bonus of \$4 per share—\$240,000; To write off Launches, Lighters and Wharves \$136,545.42; and to carry forward to new account \$275,163.20.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.—The net profits for the year ending 31st December, 1917, amount to \$363,067.93 which with \$40,836.40 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for dividend of \$403,904.33. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3.60 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Managing Directors' Fees there remains a balance of \$28,189.58 to be carried to new account.

The Hongkong Central Estate, Limited.—The net profits for the year ending 31st December, 1917, amount to \$84,927.57 which with \$11,119.57 brought forward last account makes an amount available for dividend of \$96,047.14. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of \$7 per share absorbing \$70,000 and to carry forward the balance \$26,047.14 to new account.

West Point Building Co., Ltd.—The net profits for the year ending 31st December, 1917, amount to \$76,003.87 which with \$2,683.87 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for dividend of \$78,687.74. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3 per share has already been paid and it is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$3 per share, and to carry forward the balance \$3,687.74 to new account.

Companies' Notices, Meetings, etc.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.—The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3/- per share on the Preferred Ordinary Shares and 6/- per share on the Deferred Ordinary Shares, calculated at the rate of 2 1/11 5/8 per Dollar, free of Income Tax for shares on the Colonial Register, payable on and after Friday, 15th February, 1918.

Valuable Hair Ornament Snatched.—While a Cantonese lady was walking on Nanking Road near Honsan Road, Shanghai, the other day, a hair ornament valued at \$110 was snatched. The thief got away.

Copra Valued at \$25,000 Destroyed.—Sydney, December 6.—Over 1,000 tons of copra, valued at \$25 per ton, was destroyed by fire at Greenwhich Point on Thursday night. The copra was owned by Messrs. W. E. Carpenter and Co., of Sydney, and half of it was saved from a fire on a steamer at Miller's Point recently. The loss estimated at \$25,000 is only partially covered by insurance.

Chinese Tariff Conference.—Through the courtesy of Judge Lobgier, the American delegates to the Chinese Tariff Revision Conference will occupy the quarters formerly in the U.S. Consulate.

## BRITISH "GRIT".

How a Young Man Became a Prisoner.

A resident in this Colony has received a communication with reference to a young relative of his which we think will be of some interest to our readers as showing the "grit" of the British younger generation in these times.

The young man referred to was an officer on board one of the steamships of a big British Company, and had narrowly escaped losing his life as a result of the torpedoing of his ship by Hun pirates. A second time the ship of which he was one of the senior officers was torpedoed and sunk. On this occasion he got off in one of the ship's boats with the Captain and a large number of the crew. The submarine rose to the surface and signalled the boat to come up to her. The captain, a married man with a family at home, knowing of the experiences of the late Capt. Fryatt, and of the custom of the Hun pirates to capture masters of torpedoed ships, feared that he would himself be taken prisoner, and possibly murdered. Thereupon the young officer told him to say nothing, and on the boat reaching the submarine, and a direction being shouted out from the submarine for the captain to go on board, the young man called out that the captain had "gone under," and that he himself was the officer in charge. On this he was ordered to board the submarine, was imprisoned on board, and eventually taken to Germany, where he has ever since remained as a prisoner of war. His sister writes:—"For about three months he had a very bad time as he had to pay for food or starve, and as he had no money he had to starve. The Shipping Company, having ascertained the fact that he was imprisoned in Germany, are treating him well. They pay his full salary, and for parcels sent him every week."

The boat containing the captain and crew was picked up not long after the ship had been torpedoed, and the captain afterwards wrote enthusiastically and gratefully about the conduct of the young officer.

## CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of January 14 as follows:—

The expeditionary army for Fokien will leave on the 26th inst. It comprises five battalions and will be conveyed by the gunboats Kwong Hoi, Fook On and Po P. K. to Swatow.

A special meeting was called by the Provincial Assembly to deal with the question of the Parliament's expenses, but owing to the members present not being sufficient to form a quorum the meeting was postponed until the 28th inst.

It has been decided that the headquarters of the Union Bureaux shall be in the Taichun yamen. Telegrams have been sent to various provinces, urging them to despatch representatives. Fan Tai-wai, the Prefect of Ko Chow and Lai Chow, has arrived with his family and made an official report personally to the Taichun and Civil Governor to the effect that Long Sai-shan, the Defence Commissioner of Ko Chow and Lai Chow, along with 600 soldiers, was killed in fighting with Long Chai-kwong's forces on the 18th inst. Fan Chow and Mai Lok cities were lost, and the magistrates of the former was shot. Nearly all the western part of the Province is in Long's hands.

The Authority has decided to request the Governor of Yunnan, the native place of Long Chai-kwong, to intern all Long Chai-kwong's dependents and some of his property, as a condition of his property being returned to him.

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